

MONTANA OPEN BURNING PERIODS

NOTE: Missoula, Cascade, Lincoln, Flathead and Yellowstone County regulations may differ.

December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Open burning generally prohibited (Dec. 1 – Feb. 28)			Open burning allowed (Mar. 1 – Nov. 30)						Ventilation Hotline time period (Sept. 1 – Nov. 30)		

BEFORE IGNITING ANY BURN:

1. Contact local fire control and /or law enforcement authorities.
2. Check for good ventilation. September through November, call DEQ ventilation hotline:
Call 1-800-225-6779.
3. December through February, seek permission to burn from DEQ. Call: 406-444-4267.
4. Obtain permits from DEQ for major burning and burns for emergencies, firefighter training, trade waste, landfill, Christmas tree waste, and commercial film production.
Call: 406-444-4267.
5. In the following counties, contact:

Missoula	406-523-4755
Cascade	406-454-6950
Yellowstone	406-256-6841
Lincoln	406-293-7781
Flathead	406-751-8130

MONTANA MINOR OPEN BURNING SOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Title 17, Chapter 8, subchapter 6, Administrative Rules of Montana

COUNTY	FALL Sept - Oct - Nov	WINTER Dec - Jan - Feb	SPRING / SUMMER Mar - Apr - May /Jun - Jul - Aug
<u>INSIDE Eastern Montana Open Burning Zone:</u> Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park (that portion north of Interstate 90), Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone. ARM 17.8.601(3).	Burner is required to adhere to DEQ restrictions. Call DEQ hotline prior to ignition. ARM 17.8.606(3).	Burner is required to notify DEQ prior to ignition. Call DEQ hotline to verify ventilation conditions. ARM 17.8.606(4)(b).	Burner may conduct open burning without contacting DEQ. ARM 17.8.606(5).
<u>OUTSIDE Eastern Montana Open Burning Zone:</u> Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Park (that portion south of Interstate 90) Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, and Silver Bow.	Burner is required to adhere to DEQ restrictions. Call DEQ hotline prior to ignition. ARM 17.8.606(3).	Burner is required to submit to DEQ a written request to burn and receive permission for each burn requested. Burner shall adhere to time periods for burning available by calling DEQ hotline. The request form is available on the web at www.deq.mt.gov/airquality/airopenbrn.asp or call (406) 444-4267. ARM 17.8.606(4)(a).	Burner may conduct open burning without contacting DEQ. ARM 17.8.606(5).

NOTE: BURNERS MUST CONTACT THEIR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FIRE, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY BEFORE IGNITION.

DEQ Open Burning Hotline: 1-800-225-6779

For more information:

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